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NEXT MEETINGS...(Put them on your calendars)

June 15, 2002...Saturday, 11am

MSNA Annual Convention/Atlantic Rarities Coin Expo.
Annual Meeting – Baltimore Convention Center.

August 24, 2002...SWAP MEET

Grace United Methodist Church
11 AM – 3 PM

November 9, 2002..Balt. Conv. Center

Suburban Wash/Balt. Coin Show
11 am - Saturday

P R E S I D E N T ' S P R E A M B L E

Next Meetings:

(At the MSNA Annual Convention/Atlantic Rarities Coin Expo)

August 24 2002 - Swap Meet at Grace United Methodist Church (11AM-3PM)

(In conjunction with the Suburban Washington/Baltimore Coin Show)

Ed Craig
President, MD TAMS

Minutes of today's MD TAMS meeting held in Room 301 of the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

1-Meeting called to order by President CRAIG at 11:02am with 25 members and 4 guests in attendance.

NOTE:Two of the guests (J. S. BOYD & F.L. COLLINS) became our newest members at today's meeting.

2-Secretary's Report:Minutes of last meeting not read as they had been published in our Journal.

3-Treasurer's Report:Read by Treasurer R.RUBY (copy attached). Said report to stand unless/until audited.

4-Committees:

a-Journal-Editor (W.MUMFORD) thanked everyone who had sent in an article and encouraged everyone to write one or more as he could always use them.

b-Reference-E.CRAIG advised he/we may have the next one ready later this year.

c- 2003 ANA-J.BOSWELL said that we had received a letter from the MSNA advising us to let them know the date, time, etc. we would like to have our meeting during the Convention (see 6b below).

d-Elongateds-M.HAJEK spoke on the program overall and also sold/distributed the latest installment of these items.

e-Encased-E.CRAIG advised he had no new information on this subject.

f-Internet-R.RUBY advised our new "site" was up and running.

5-Old Business:

a-E.CRAIG noted that we had received \$300 from BANC for our members' efforts at BANC's last show.

b-E.CRAIG suggested that we donate \$25 to ANA in memory of two recently deceased Coin Dealers (D.L. THAXTER, Sr & V.MARSHALL) who had been long time supporters of BANC, etc.. Motion by M. HAJEK, 2nd by M.BURRIS that we follow the suggestion. Amendment by R.SEARS, 2nd by R.MILLER that the donation only be made in the memory of D.L. THAXTER as V. MARSHALL was not a MD TAMS member. Amended motion was passed after discussion.

c-E. CRAIG & J.BOSWELL spoke on our upcoming (May 4, 2002) meeting at the Day's Inn in Easton, MD Note:Even though several people expect to be at the meeting site early, the scheduled starting time is 12:00.

d-J.BOSWELL reminded everyone of the Numismatic News Article(s) "connected" to us.

6-New Business:

a-E.CRAIG:Requested that at least three members volunteer to serve on this years Literary Awards Committee (only two members (J.BOSWELL & B.DOXZON) volunteered at today's meeting so E.CRAIG asked that anyone else interested in serving on this committee to please see him).

b-Motion by M.HAJEK, 2nd by W.STRATEMEYER that we have our 2003 Annual Meeting at the 2003 ANA Convention to be held at the Baltimore Convention Center. After the motion was made, our Secretary advised that according to the copy of our Constitution/Bylaws that he had and read from, we are supposed to have our Annual Meeting(s) at the MSNA Convention. Amendment to the motion made by R.SEARS, 2nd by J.HAMMOND that we make a one time exception--after all members are notified of it and the majority of them approve same--to hold our 2003 Annual Meeting at the 2003 ANA Convention in Baltimore. Amended motion passed.

NOTES:(A)R.SEARS suggested that our members who "man" the registration desk, etc. be relieved from same in time to attend our meeting and (B)J.BOSWELL & R.SEARS suggested that we ask that our 2003 Annual Meeting start at 11:00am (the secretary will "note" that in our letter to MSNA).

7-Announcements:

a-E.CRAIG-The "Swap Meet" this year will be held at Grace United Methodist Church (Northern Pkwy. & Charles St.), Baltimore, MD on August 24th.

b-J.BOSWELL-Suggestions for those who are planning on attending our Easton, MD meeting.

Minutes of the MD TAMS March 23, 2002 meeting (continued):

7-Announcements:

c-E.CRAIG-The next BANC Show (we are one of three "Clubs" who comprise BANC) will be on June 9, 2002 at the Holiday Inn on Cromwell Bridge Rd. (Exit 29 of the Baltimore Beltway) and we need people to help set up/man the registration table.

d-R.RUBY-He still has room available on the bus for the planned trip to this years ANA Convention in New York, NY (contact him for cost, etc.).

e-B.DOXZON-More exhibitors are need for this years MSNA Convention (see him for forms, etc.).

f-B.BODT-The Stepping Stone Museum in Harford County has been "remodeled" and if anyone wishes to donate appropriate items to it he asked that they please see him.

NOTE:E.CRAIG began a discussion on the "pros & cons" of donating items (B.BODT to report back).

g-M.HAJEK-Mentioned some of the lots in today's auction that were donated by R.JOHNSON.

-He also passed out some elongated "wheat" cents that had a MSNA theme.

h-W.STRATEMEYER-Gave all in attendance an example of a \$1,000,000 "note" he had had made for his wedding anniversary.

i-W.AYERS-Places we might want to hold meetings.

j-R.SEARS-He has some commemorative transit passes (that were issued for the Pope's visit on 10-08-1995) that were available for sale.

8-Show & Tell:

a-R.SEARS-misc. stock certificates.

b-R.RUBY-Johns Hopkins APL 60th year medal (he donated it to our Cabinet).

-Excerpts from a issue of the Tasmanian Numismatic Journal.

c-W.STRATEMEYER-1840 6¼¢ Patapsco Savings Bank note.

d-R.KAMINSKI-Post Card book by Roy COX ("old time" Remington Typewriter person)

-A Women's Welfare token

NOTE:There was a drawing for various door prizes

:A short break was taken so members/guest could view the Auction Lots.

9-Auction-Conducted by R.SEARS who was once again ably assisted by E.CRAIG (the tabulators were J.BOSWELL & R.RUBY). Auction resulted in a commision of \$24.35 (not counting the donated lots) being added to our treasury.

NOTE:Two copies of our "Maryland Merchant Tokens" (\$45 each) and one copy of "Maryland Elongated Coins" (\$10) were sold at today's meeting (those funds were turned over to our treasurer (R.RUBY)).

10-Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary
MD TAMS

Minutes of today's MD TAMS meeting held in the Pintail Room of the Day's Inn in Easton, MD

- 1-Meeting called to order at 12:15pm by President CRAIG with 19 members and 4 guests in attendance (attendance sheet is attached).
- 2-Minutes of last meeting (03-23-02) read by J.BOSWELL, Secretary. Said minutes to stand as read.
- 3-Treasurer's Report:No report as Treasurer (R.RUBY) absent due to prior commitment.
- 4-Committees:
 - a-Journal-Editor (W.MUMFORD) thanked everyone who had written an article recently and he again encouraged everyone to write an article as he could always use a "backlog" of same.
 - b-2003 ANA-J.BOSWELL said we had sent a letter to MSNA regarding the desired date, time, etc. for our meeting at that Convention/Show. General discussion but, no motion(s) made.
NOTE:B.DOZXON (MSNA Secretary) reminded everyone that the ANA will not act on our request until after this year's Convention in New York, NY.
 - c-Encased Coins-E.CRAIG said that we will soon be offering our sets of encased Statehood Quarters to the general public as most of our members had already purchased same.
 - d-Elongated Quarters-E.CRAIG said he did not have a date for when the next elongated coins would be available.
 - e-References-E.CRAIG said he didn't know when we would have another reference and encouraged everyone to submit same.
- 5-Old Business:
 - a-E.CRAIG-Copies of our "Maryland Merchant Tokens" and "Elongated Coins of Maryland" books were available for sale at today's meeting.
NOTE:One copy of our Elongateds book was sold at today's meeting (the funds (\$10) were forwarded to our Treasurer).
 - b-E.CRAIG-advised that an article of our Elongateds book had appeared in the TEC Journal.
 - c-E.CRAIG-MSNA would again have a raffle at their Show this year and we had purchased some of the tickets for same which were used as door prizes at today's meeting.
 - d-B.BODT-The Stepping Stone Museum in Harford County is still undecided on what they will/will not accept for display (more info expected in the future).
 - e-R.SEARS-Asked if the planned bus trip to this year's ANA in New York, NY was viable (R.RUBY was absent so, anyone who was interested in the trip in question was advised to contact him ASAP).
- 6-New Business:
 - a-W.AYRES reminded everyone that the dates for this year's MSNA/ARCE Convention are THURSDAY June 13th to SATURDAY June 15th, 2002.
- 7-Announcements:
 - a-E.CRAIG-Our next meeting is 06-15-02.
 - b-E.CRAIG-Volunteers are needed at MSNA!
 - c-E.CRAIG-The next BANC Show is 06-09-02 at the Holiday Inn on Cromwell Bridge Rd., Towson, MD.
 - d-E.CRAIG-Our Swap Meet this year will be on 08-24-02 at Grace U.M. Church in Baltimore, MD.
 - e-E.CRAIG-Educational forum at the MSNA Convention/Show.
- 8-Show & Tell:
 - a-J.BOSWELL-miscellaneous articles about us.
 - b-J.SHIPLEY-miscellaneous MD School playground medals.

May 4, 2002

8-Show & Tell (continued):

c-B.BODT-Old family photo, several which show canneries.

-Miscellaneous canning labels, etc. which were available for trade.

d-R.BURTON-A J.T.U. token (the "T" is inside the U) found at a church in Madison, MD (his research revealed that the issuer of this token (Thomas JONES) was an usher at the church in question).

e-W.STONE-A book ("The Pasadena Peninsula" by, I.S. CUNNINGHAM), some information about a "Mavericks on CD/Tape" book and a MD State Archives Publications Catalogue.

f-R.SEARS-A B & O Centennial (1827-1927) Pennant and a Star Spangled Banner Centennial Pennant.

g-G.CHEVALLIER-A field "cash register" and tokens used by John McClain.

-A.K. ROBBINS (maker of Food Processing tools, etc.) items.

h-W.MUMFORD-A copy of his new book which is titled "Barter, Bits & Tobacco".

i-E.CRAIG-An unlisted (a "5¢") A.KREBS, Baltimore, MD token.

9-A short break was taken so those in attendance could view the auction lots, etc.

10-Auction (auctioneer was R.SEARS who was assisted by E.CRAIG (the tabulators were J.BOSWELL & B.DOXZON) which resulted in commission of \$42.10 (including donated lot) being added to our treasury.

11-Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary
MD TAMS

Members in the News

MD TAMS member, Lester A. White was selected as the "Outstanding Numismatist in Central Pennsylvania" by the Red Rose Coin Club of Lancaster, Pa. Les has served as president of the Waynesboro (Pa.) Coin Club, the Carroll County (Md.) Coin Club and the Parkway Coin and Stamp Club. He is active in both MD TAMS and the Maryland State Numismatic Association. Les writes and speaks on numismatic topics. Congratulations, Les...now let's see those articles in the MD TAMS Journal....

SOME EARLY BALTIMORE & CHESAPEAKE BAY SHIPPERS AND PACKERS....PART 2

BY W. Wallace Stone R- 47

The following photo copies are from the same auction I attended in Easton, Md last fall in which a number of Maryland and east coast oyster, fish shippers and packers invoices, stationary advertising promotions were offered. Not all were from Maryland, however many had some tie in with Baltimore or Maryland .

The earliest is from the firm of W.R.Johnson & Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio and is dated December 14, 1876. They handled and sold "Fick & Chase's "famous Maryland brand BALTIMORE OYSTERS.

The price listing of the T.A.Kelty Co. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa is dated December 1, 1886 and shows them as an Agent for the Platt & Co. of Baltimore, Md.

The New England Oyster Company, of Boston Mass. Has a separate price for the Norfolk oyster in their November 13, 1888 price list.

The Boston ,Mass. Company D.A.Atwood & Co. also has a listing for Norfolk oysters, as well as boasting of a new facility in Norfolk , Va. in their September 9 1889 price listing.

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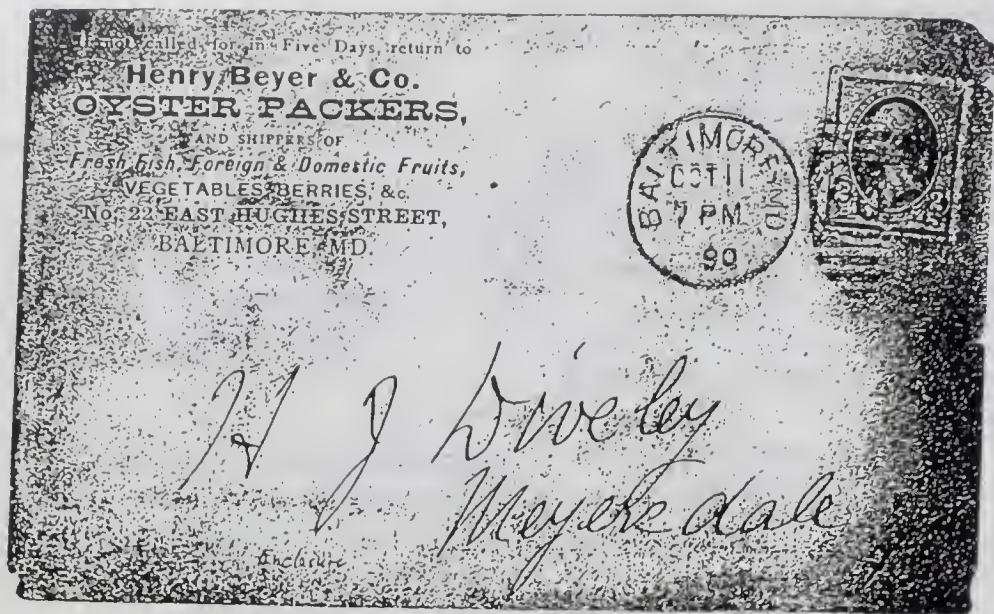
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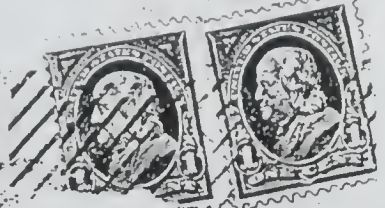
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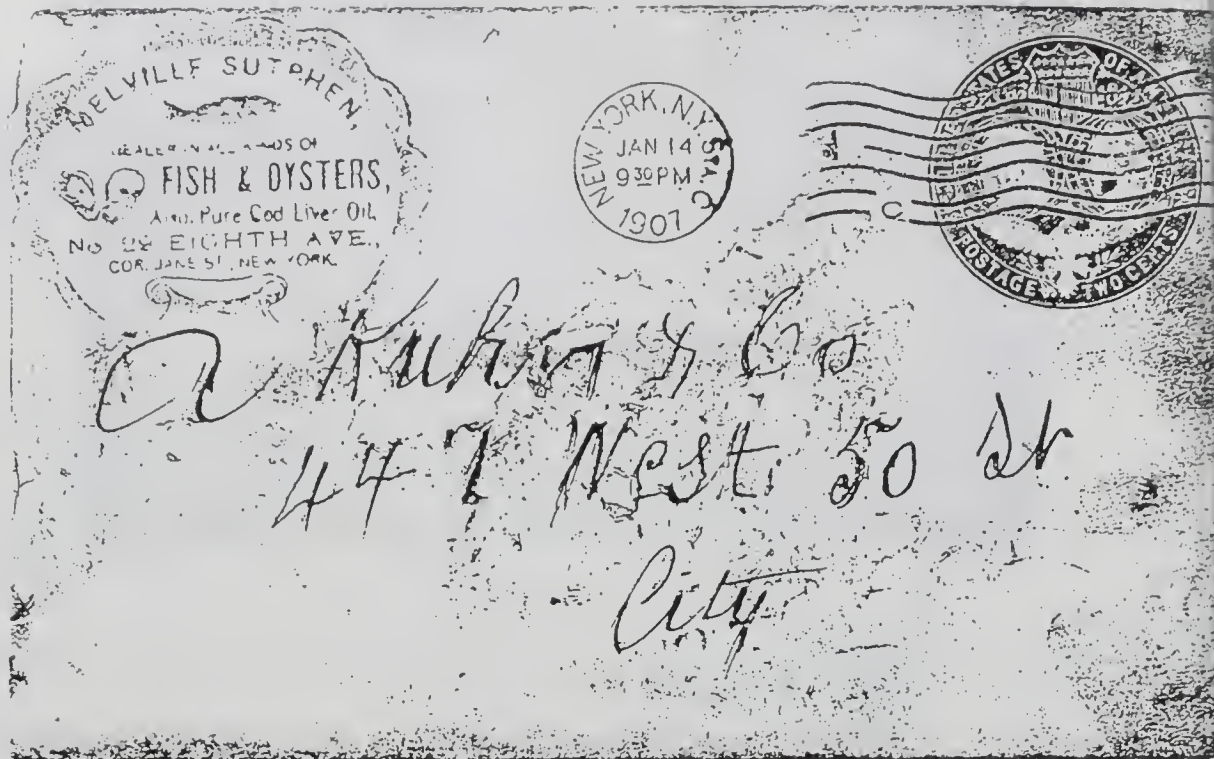


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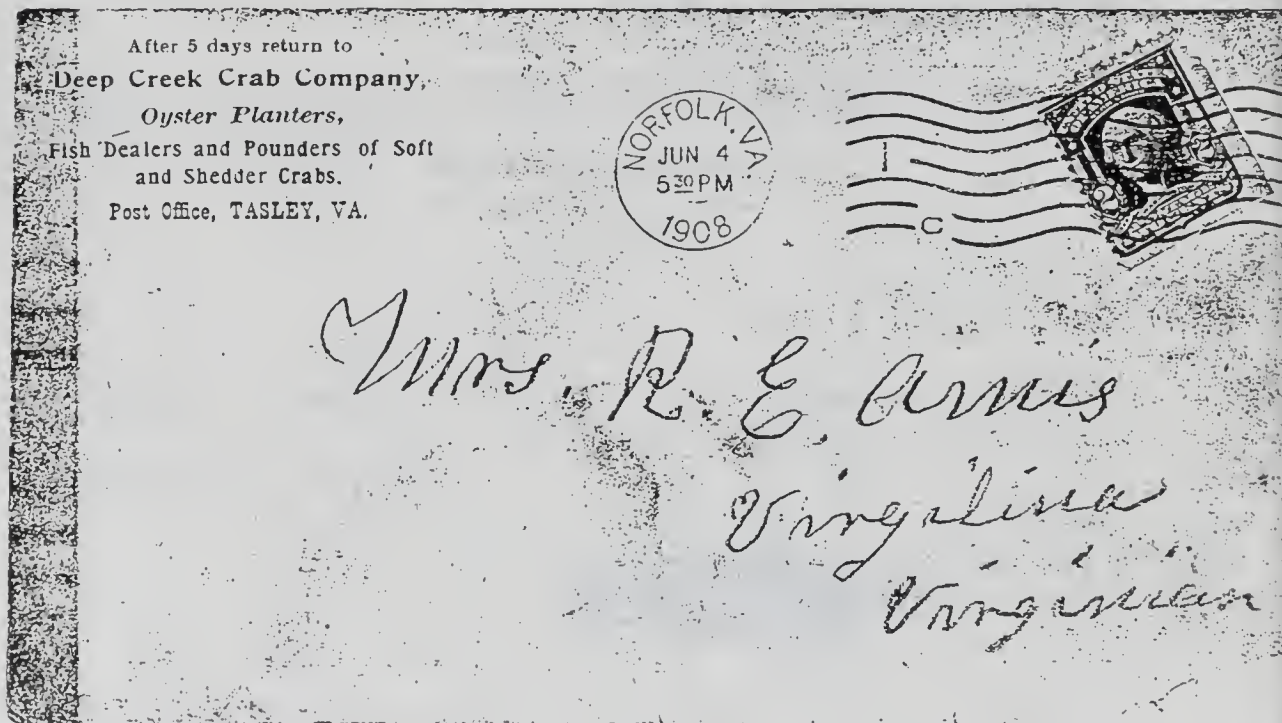


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A fancy logo for Melville Sutphen's stationary.



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BALTIMORE'S STAFFORD HOTEL. 1894-1973

BY W.WALLACE STONE R-47

The Baltimore Sun Newspaper edition of September 29, 2000, had a feature story by one of their staff writers, Mr. Frederick N. Rasmussen ,outlining the life span of the Stafford Hotel of Baltimore, Md. This article held my interest. Among my mavericks and tokens that I was not quite sure where to place them is an odd shaped item from the Stafford Hotel. While checking with the city directories for Baltimore I was able to locate some information from the mid 1930's as to location, but not much more. Some of the highlights from Mr. Rasmussen's article are as follows.

The hotel was opened in the year 1894 and was a twelve story brick and stone building occupying a commanding position on Washington Place near Madison Street. The main entrance leads to a tiled hallway decorated in Romanesque designs. It was also noted at the time that it was illuminated by "incandescent lighting", and that each bedroom was equipped with a telephone. The second floor contained a "ladies parlor and drawing room facing Washington Place, with a writing room adjoining. A café on this floor for ladies traveling unattended and for permanent guests who do not care to go to the public dining rooms,"

The hotel quickly earned and retained through the years a reputation as being a discreet address for society gatherings and the temporary home of visiting dignitaries "The paneled bar of the hotel was almost as exclusive as that of the Baltimore Club across the street. The report was widely circulated that not everybody could get a drink there. Before being so privileged, you had to pass muster before the discriminating bartender," wrote Francis F. Beirne in his book, *The Amiable Baltimoreans*." A number of guests in the early years who were Europeans said it reminded them of London or Paris. Everyone remembered it being a sophisticated, high class, sedate hotel, certainly in the same league as the Belvedere at that time.

During 1936 the well known author F.Scott Fitzgerald occupied room 409 for a time. English tailors visited the hotel once a year and took measurements for suits and other men's furnishings for their Baltimore clients , recalled a former manager. The Sun also reported that "the Stafford also earned a niche in history in 1911, when the American Psychoanalytic Association was founded at the hotel to advance the work if a pioneering Viennese by the name of Sigmund Freud" reported the Sun.

The hotel closed in January of 1973. Its contents were sold and its few remaining guests departed. In 1975 the Stafford was reopened as federally subsidized housing.

The item from the hotel is shown in the photo copy below could either be a room key tag or may have been part of a souvenir sold at the gift shop from the lobby. Some keepsake of the historic background of Baltimore may have been attached to the fob like hotel logo and coat of arms, through the small hole at the top. A few thoughts come to mind, "The PORT of BALTIMORE," "Washington Monument" of down town fame, The old Baltimore "ORIOLES" Base Ball team, Pimlico Race Track. The Columbian Exposition in Chicago had just closed towards the end of 1893 and there was an overwhelming amount of souvenir's that were extremely popular for the next few years on the market. Perhaps something like this was sold by the hotel. If indeed this was intended for a room key tag, it would seem that the hole at the top of the tag is on the small size. Most keys are attached to the tag by a brass loop of 2MM in diameter, this hole is much smaller. At a later time most if not all hotel key tags bore the inscription on the reverse side "Drop in any mail box, return postage will be paid by the hotel"

It is interesting to note in the Baltimore City Directory of 1936 that the offices of the Corporation who owned the hotel were located at 15 East Fayette Street. Also it is noted that the address of the hotel was listed as 720 North Charles Street, while in the Directory of 1956 the street address is 712-714-716 North Charles Street.



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Good For Tokens Replaced by Good For Currency

Submitted by Richard Kaminski

A new organization formed under the name of "BALTIMORE HOURS" is proposing to print its own local good for currency.

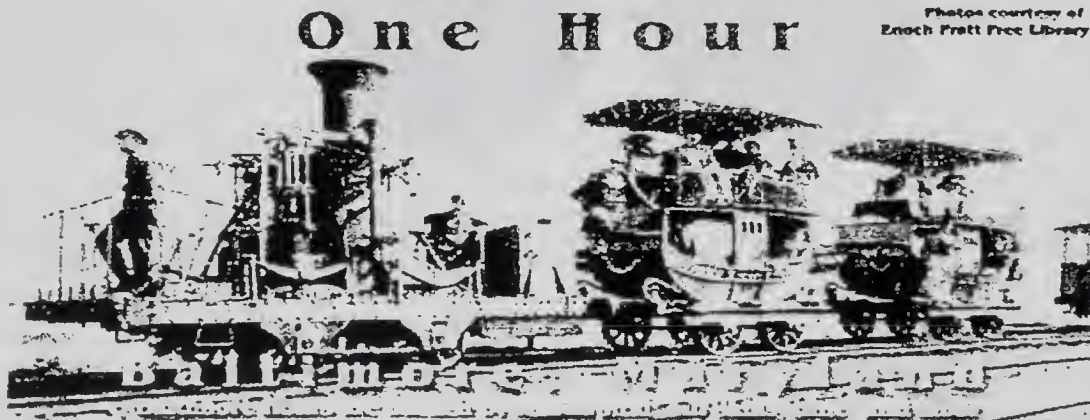
The Baltimore Hours group will print for the local economy the following four denominations of currency representing 1 hour, 1/2 hour, 1/4 hour and 1/10 hour. Basis [1 hour currency is worth \$10.00]. The validity of the currency is claimed as follows:

" Local currencies are legal as long as they don't resemble U.S. currency and have a U.S. dollar equivalency."

The group encourages members to join and then accept the printed currency for their goods and services. However a disclaimer reads that Baltimore Hours cannot be held responsible for the quality of goods or services provided by any member.

Additional information can be acquired through:
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The Beer Check Is Checking Out

Once Common, It's Now Rare, But A Baltimore Firm Still

Makes Many Other 'Tokens'

Story by Paul Fleming
Photos by A. Aubrey Bodine



The once familiar beer check is now a rarity, but a Baltimore firm still makes quantities of metal "tokens" for other purposes. Here Albert Briscoe is engraving a die.

THE check for a short beer, having outlived such other American traditions as twice-a-day mail, slice-it-yourself bread, the rumble seat and the button hook is now itself slipping quietly into the limbo of forgotten things.

At the J. F. W. Dorman Company, a Calvert street firm which once turned out beer checks for most of the saloons in this part of the country, they say that only half a dozen Baltimore taverns still issue the little metal chits to their patrons.

In most of these places the checks seem to survive principally as convivial pinocchio antes. Old fellows of the neighborhood who gather in taverns' back rooms play, traditionally, for beers. Players who win faster than they can drink may be paid off, if they so desire, in beer checks.

In addition to the six Baltimore taverns, only three or four on the Eastern Shore, a few in Pennsylvania and a few in Virginia still order beer checks from the Dorman company, and those orders are getting fewer and further between as the years pass.

Once beer checks were as commonplace among thrifty gentlemen as suits with two pairs of

pants. For \$1 a tavern patron could buy beer checks exchangeable at the bar for, usually, \$1.20 worth of drinks.

That was an even better bargain than a meal ticket, another of the fast-disappearing American niceties. The \$5 and \$10 meal tickets got their holders only \$5.50 and \$11 worth of food, respectively—bonus of only ten per cent.

What few beer checks are being turned out by the Dorman company today are produced by the same process as of old. It is the same process Uncle Sam uses to stamp out coins, but the material usually differs from Uncle Sam's, and the size always does.

Beer checks are usually stamped out of sheet brass, although aluminum, copper, bronze and even plastic aren't uncommon materials.

AND the days when a beer check was as good as a slot-machine slug for making a call over a pay telephone are no more. When coin-operated vending machines spread across the country, their manufacturers asked the beer-check people not to duplicate coins any more. The United States Treasury sanctioned the request.

Since then beer checks not

only have been manufactured in off sizes, but also frequently in off shapes—octagons, squares, ovals, stars, scalloped shapes and so on.

THE shoe-shine check, another link with the past, has already died out, an official of the Dorman company says. Until fairly recently there was one shoe-repair establishment in Baltimore which continued to throw in a free shoe shine with every repair job. When the shoes brought in for repair didn't need a shine, the customer got a check he could use when he wished. The repair establishment is still in business, but the Dorman company hasn't made any checks for it for a long time.

Poolroom checks are disappearing, too. There are a few poolrooms left, especially in Virginia and Pennsylvania, where game checks are given to shooters who win games faster than they can play them off, but that phase of Dorman's business is only a small fraction of what it once was.

However, the company still stamps out metal checks in more than a thousand different shapes,

sizes and designs, for other customers whose demands are as heavy as ever.

Crop pickers' checks are still popular. These are marked with various quantity designations. As a field hand picks a quart, peck, bushel or some other quantity of fruits, berries or vegetables, he is given a check indicating it. At the end of the day, then, he exchanges his accumulated checks for cash. Pickers greatly prefer this system to other forms of tallying. They have been known to pick crops for a man who uses the check system, rather than pick at higher rates for a farmer who keeps tally with a pencil and pad.

FRUIT, vegetable and seafood canneries across the country exchange hundreds of thousands of similar checks daily with their oyster shuckers, crab pickers, pea podders, bean stringers and the like.

Many general stores operated by mills, mines and other industries still issue company scrip with brass and aluminum coins in all the United States coin denominations. Dorman officials supervise the production of such scrip as closely as United States mint officials watch theirs.

Once the company took an

order for several hundred dollars' worth of scrip, allegedly for a store operated by a West Virginia coal company. Checking back to confirm the order, a Dorman official learned that he had almost become an unwitting counterfeiter. The store proprietor hadn't placed the order.

ON another occasion the company came even closer, unwittingly, to the borderline of the law. At the turn of the century it made some mock \$5 goldpieces of bronze and gave them to its customers for good-luck tokens. The coin on one side was a perfect reproduction of the \$5 goldpiece. On the other side it bore a business slogan and the company's name and address.

Local swindlers gathered up several of the coins, had them gold plated and passed them at face value. Treasury men came to the Dorman plant and confiscated the dies. The Treasury men were not angry, but they were very firm workmen at the plant recall.

The agents remarked that it was the easiest case they ever worked on. Never before, they said, had a counterfeiter been so obliging as to inscribe his name and address on his handiwork.



Mildred Kannler feeds metal strips into a mach that stamps out the tokens at the Baltimore pl

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